1	2	3
(iv)	Number of new primary schools opened	1386
(v)	Number of new upper primary schools opened	3176
(vi)	Number of teachers sanctioned	15759
(vii)	Number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) sanctioned in educationally backward blocks, having a substantial minority population	133
2.	Swarojgaris assisted under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) [Ministry of Rural Development]	275121
3.	BPL families assisted under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) [Ministry of Rural Development]	383245
4.	Beneficiaries assisted under Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) [Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation]	
(i)	Micro-enterprises	24684
(ii)	Skill training	27837

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Financial achievement (Rs. in crore)
5.	Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into Centres of Excellence [Ministry of Labour & Employment]	17.88
6.	Priority Sector Lending [Department of Financial Services]	82864.65

As envisaged in the programme, the corpus of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation has been raised, as of now, to Rs.331.66 crore for implementing schemes and programmes for promotion of education among the minority communities. Further, the authorized share capital of the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has been raised, as of now, to Rs.850 crore, and Rs.668.77 crore equity has been paid up for implementing loan schemes to improve the economic status of minorities living below double the poverty line.

Development of solar energy

2507.SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up any plan for development of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the current level of production of solar energy and plans for next three years?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The Government is promoting development of the renewable energy sector, including solar energy through a mix of fiscal and financial incentives that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, nil/concessional excise and custom duties.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Solar photovoltaic home lighting systems, street lighting systems, lanterns, power plants, water pumping systems and systems for electrification of remote villages and hamlets aggregating to about 73 MW peak capacity have been installed in the country up to 31st March, 2009 under the Ministry's programmes. In addition, 2.5 million square meters collector area of solar water heating systems and 6.37 lakhs solar cookers have been installed in the country upto 31st March, 2009. A target of generating 50 MW of power from solar energy has been fixed for the 11th Plan Period.

Renewable energy deals

2508.SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewable energy is an increasingly important arena for deal making, as companies and investors respond to growing role of renewable sources in meeting global energy demands and challenge of climatic change;

(b) whether India recorded total renewable deals of $134 billion in 2008, which is about 7.3 per cent of total Asia-Pacific renewable deals and it stands third behind China and Australia;

(c) whether during 2007-08, 441 renewable deals were announced, with reported value totaling $70.3 billion; and

(d) if so, to what extent wind and solar power sectors gear up energy deal and to what extent it has been helpful?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Specific Data regarding deals in the renewable sector is not maintained. However these figures have been reported in the Annual Review for 2008 on renewable deals, brought out by M/s. Price Water House Coopers.

National mission on solar energy

2509.SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI MANGALA KISAN:
Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recommended a National Mission to boost the use of solar energy;

(b) if so, whether the existing technology would be used on new materials like solar concentrators to increase the use of solar energy; and